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Honorable Allen W. Dulles Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Director:

Now that the Congress has adjourned, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks for the cooperation of your agency with the initial work of the Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery. During the adjournment period, the Subcommittee staff plans to continue its studies, with particular emphasis on informal talks within and outside the Executive Branch.

We do not now anticipate formal hearings before the next session of the Congress.

Although we have learned a great deal in the past eight weeks, it is still too early to develop fixed ideas concerning improvements in our policy-making machinery. However, we have provisionally identified several broad problem areas as meriting systematic study. These general areas for further inquiry are set forth in the memorandum I have enclosed.

We would, of course, be most pleased to receive any comments you or members of your staff may have concerning any of these questions, as well as any suggestions for other fruitful lines of inquiry.

I grow increasingly confident that our study will result in constructive findings and recommendations which may be of genuine assistance to the Executive Branch, and I look forward to cooperating with you and your associates as our inquiry proceeds.

Sincerely your

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